

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 17-22, and 27-31 are pending. Claims 13, 17-22, and 27-31 were rejected.

In this response, no claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 13, 17-22 and 27-31 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,685 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,982,257 to Akbar et al. ("Akbar").

The terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) is filed herewith to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner should withdraw the rejection of claims 13, 17-22 and 27-31 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims 13, 17-22 and 27-31 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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